

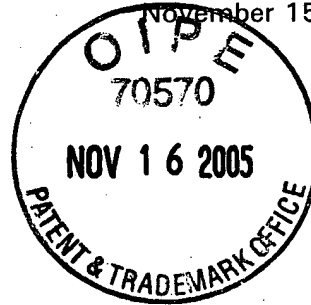
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RE: Patent Application in UNITED STATES  
Title: AUTOMATIC TAKE-UP DEVICE WITH INTERNAL SPRING  
Applicant: SIMPSON STRONG-TIE COMPANY, INC.  
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Appl. No.: 09/729,491; Filing Date: December 3, 2000  
Our File: SST-1035

Dear Mr. Fletcher:

Pursuant to your conversation with Charles Cypher on November 15, 2005, please find enclosed references C1 – C5, that were submitted on January 5, 2005 with the Information Disclosure Statement.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marjorie A. Jost".

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Senior Paralegal

Encl.: as stated above

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